

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-8. (Cancelled).

9. (New) An optical disc control method comprising:
detecting an amount of deviation of an objective lens
from a center of a light receiving element;
moving the objective lens near the center of the light
receiving element according to the detected deviation amount;
and
starting a traverse control of the objective lens using
the deviation amount after completion of said moving.

10. (New) The optical disc method of Claim 9, further
comprising performing a tracking control of a location of the
objective lens after moving the objective lens.

11. (New) An optical disc control apparatus comprising:
an objective lens;
a light receiving element;
a spot position detecting circuit for detecting an amount
of deviation of the objective lens from a center of the light
receiving element; and

a controller for instructing movement of the objective lens to be closer to the center of the light receiving element according to the detected deviation amount, and then performing a traverse control according to the deviation amount.

12. (New) The optical disc control apparatus of Claim 11, further comprising a tracking error detection circuit, wherein said controller is for performing a tracking control after instructing movement of the objective lens to be closer to the center of the light receiving element.

13. (New) The optical disc control apparatus of Claim 12 further comprising:

a spot position loop filter;

a tracking loop filter; and

a selection circuit for selecting either a signal from the spot position loop filter or a signal from the tracking loop filter.